

Service Date: September 11, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Investigation) UTILITY DIVISION
into U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s,)
Compliance with Section 27 1(c) of the) DOCKET NO. D97.5.87
Telecommunications Act of 1996.) ORDER NO. 5982h

ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION
OF ORDER COMPELLING DISCOVERY

U S West Communications, Inc. (USW), has filed a motion for reconsideration of the Public Service Commission's (PSC) June 29, 1998, Order No. 5982e. That order required USW to respond to certain joint intervenor data requests (i.e., discovery) in the above-entitled matter. USW's motion for reconsideration was briefed and argued orally before the PSC.

For reasons related to the nature of the discovery-requested information in issue, on August 6, 1998, the PSC appointed a special master to review the facts and arguments involved. On September 4, 1998, the appointed special master issued a report, in the form of a decision, to the PSC. The PSC has reviewed and considered the special master's decision and determines that it should be adopted as the PSC's order on USW's motion for reconsideration.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the PSC adopts the September 4, 1998, Decision of Special Master on Discovery Issue (a copy of which is attached) as the PSC's Order on Reconsideration.

Done and dated this 9th day of September, 1998, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chair

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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